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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN VISAKHAPATNAM STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the industrial accidents occurred in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the number of persons killed therein during the last three years;

(b) the causes behind these accidents and the total loss of life and property; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the loss of life and property and recurrence of such accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): A total of 326 accidents occurred during the last three years and 10 persons were killed. A total sum of Rs. 17,23,675/- was paid as compensation and property loss of Rs.3.18 lakhs occurred on account of these accidents. The causes for the accidents are slips and falls, electrical flash overs, falls from height, hits by objects, chemical fires,etc.

(c) All the accidents were investigated to ascertain the causes and necessary remedial action was taken in all the cases. In addition, the following are some of the remedial measures taken on regular basis:

i) Periodical inspections of the plant to find unsafe conditions and unsafe practices, and adoption of corrective measures.
ii) Safety training programmes for all the employees.
iii) External Safety audit once a year and internal safety audit twice a year for the whole plant and further appropriate action.
iv) Safety promotion activities like organization of Safety Weeks, National Safety Day and Crash Helmet Campaigns.
v) Wide and adequate publicity measures through safety bulletins hoardings and the cable TV network.
vi) Implementation of occupational health and safety management systems.
vii) Periodical reviews of the Central Safety Committee and follow up action , if any required.
viii) Periodical conduct of Departmental Safety Committee meetings and follow up action, if any required.